

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of “Rotary International Day”*

*WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, USA, is the world’s first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations comprised of professional and business leaders; and*

*WHEREAS, the Rotary motto “Service Above Self” inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and*

*WHEREAS, Rotary, in 1985, launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and*

*WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and*

*WHEREAS, Rotary is the world’s largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 35,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and*

*WHEREAS, Rotary’s Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 46,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and*

*WHEREAS, 8,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country through Rotary’s Youth Exchange Program; and*

*WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotarians belonging to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2005, as “ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary International for 100 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities around the world.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005.*

*Mayor*